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In re Application of	:	
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Application No.: 10/541,499	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/JP03/09555	:	
Int. Filing Date: 28 July 2003	:	PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 31 July 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 050412	:	37 CFR 1.137(b)
For: FOOD ADDITIVE COMPOSITION, AND	:	
FOOD COMPOSITION CONTAINING SAME	:	

This decision is in response to applicants' submission filed 07 July 2005.

BACKGROUND

On 28 July 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/JP03/09555 which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 31 July 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 05 February 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 31 January 2005.

On 07 July 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee, a declaration of the inventor, an assertion of small entity status, and a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the application.

DISCUSSION

A petition to revive the present application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must include:

- (1) The required reply;
- (2) The petition fee;
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the

reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

As to item (1), applicant submitted the basic national fee on 07 July 2005.

As to item (2), applicant submitted the petition fee on 07 July 2005.

As to item (3), the required statement has been provided.

A review of the application file reveals that, with the filing of the present petition and accompanying papers, a proper response has been submitted and all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) for revival have been satisfied and revival is therefore appropriate.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED** for the reasons set forth above.

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application.



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